

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated January 14, 2009 within three months. The Examiner rejects all pending claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-18, and 20-25. Applicants cancel claims 13-18 and 20-25 without prejudice to filing one or more claims having similar subject matter in other applications. Applicants also add new claims 26-29. Support for the amendments and new claims may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments and new claims. Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejects 1, 6-8, 11-13, 16-17, 20-21, and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiascone (U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0114239) and Tkaczyk (U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0059597) in view of Lyons (U.S. Patent No. 5,189,608). The Examiner rejects 2-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiascone, Tkaczyk, and Lyons in view of Crozier (U.S. Patent No. 5,392,390). The Examiner rejects 9, 14, 15, 18, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiascone, Tkaczyk, and Lyons in view of Their (U.S. Patent No. 7,130,822). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejections; however, Applicants submit new claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, to further clarify the patentable aspects and to expedite prosecution.

Applicants do not concede that Fiascone is indeed prior art with respect to this application, and Applicants reserve the option to antedate Fiascone. Nonetheless, Applicants assert that Fiascone is limited to a system which collects data from various sources, and then compiles the data together at the central collection point in a common data format. Once the data is in a common format, the data can be compared based on a user selected parameter. However, Fiascone does not provide remote data sources with an operating system and/or application independent data template. Moreover, the system of Fiascone does not analyze, or classify un-reconciled data.

Tkaczyk disclose a system to create a plurality of standardized templates for inputting CS (clinical study) data, but not for converting or transforming the data from one format to another. Tkaczyk requires that the data be initially inputted in a format that is consistent with a master data format, so that when records are compiled with the master data, the data is able to be integrated into the master data without conversion or processing.

Lyons discloses a system for standardizing the financial information accounting systems of an organization. However, the system does not provide for capturing data at a remote terminal or for identifying and analyzing un-reconciled data.

Applicants assert that the cited references alone or in combination do not disclose or contemplate at least, “**analyzing**, by the computer based system, **the un-reconciled amount**”, **determining**, by the computer based system, **a classification** of the un-reconciled amount”, or “**transmitting**, by the computer based system, **a notification** in response to the classification of the un-reconciled amount” (emphasis added) as similarly recited in independent claims 1, 28, and 29.

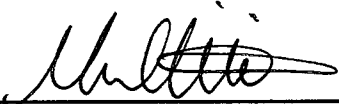
Furthermore, claims 2-3, 6-9, 11-12 and 26-27 variously depend from independent claim 1. As such, Applicants assert that claims 2-3, 6-9, 11-12 and 26-27 are differentiated from the cited references for the same reasons as set forth above, in addition to their own novel features. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

When a phrase similar to “at least one of A, B, or C” or “at least one of A, B, and C” is used in the claims, Applicants intend the phrase to mean any of the following: (1) at least one of A; (2) at least one of B; (3) at least one of C; (4) at least one of A and at least one of B; (5) at least one of B and at least one of C; (6) at least one of A and at least one of C; or (7) at least one of A, at least one of B, and at least one of C.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-2814**. If an extension of time is necessary, please accept this as a petition therefore. Applicants invite the Office to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the present application in general.

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